

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON- 25/07/2024

PROMOTIONS OF TRADITIONAL SPORTS

471. SHRI SANJAY SETH

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :-

- (a) the details of the efforts being made by Government to promote traditional sports;
- (b) the details of financial assistance given by the Central Government to the State Governments, particularly to Uttar Pradesh, for the promotion of traditional sports;
- (c) whether Government proposes to hold traditional sports competition at the national level; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (d) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including promotion of traditional sports and holding their competitions, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government only supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. However, the 'Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games' sub-component of the Khelo India Scheme, is specifically dedicated to the development and promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games in the country. Indigenous/traditional games of Mallakhamb, Kalaripayattu, Gatka, Thang-Ta, Yogasana and Silambam have been identified for promotion under this component and these games are part of annually organised Khelo India University/ Youth Games. Grants are sanctioned for infrastructure development, equipment support, appointment of coaches, training of coaches and scholarships to the identified athletes under this Component.
